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SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE TO APPELLANTS' THIRD REPLACEMENT APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

In response to the Board of Patent Appeals Decision on Petition (undated), Appellant submits herewith a "signed" signature page (page 38) to the Third Appeal Brief filed February 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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the angle could be obtained – Figures 1 and 2 are perspective drawings and Figure 3 is

a partial drawing that does not even show the upper fillet and tang from which the

required angle could be measured.

Since none of the cited references teach or suggest the specific dimensional and

angular relationships of the tangs and fillet required by claims 48 and 49, these claims

are believed to patentably define over the cited art taken singly or in combination.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion it is believed that the application is in clear condition for allowance;

therefore, early reversal of the Final Rejection and passage of the subject application to

issue are earnestly solicited.

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